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RECONSTITUTION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national commission on population has been reconstituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether the commission has completed the task assigned to it;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which its report is likely to be submitted;and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKALAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The National Commission on Population (NCP) was reconstituted on 11th April 2005 with 40 members under the Chairmanship of the Hon`ble Prime Minister. Minister of Health & Family Welfare and the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission are Vice Chairman of the Commission. The membership also includes the Chief Ministers of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala and Tamil Nadu apart from a number of experts.

(c), (d) & (e): The Terms of Reference of the Commission are as under:-

i. To review, monitor and give directions for the implementation of the National Population Policy with a view to achieve population stabilization by promoting synergy between demographic, educational, environmental and developmental programmes.

i i To promote intersectoral coordination i n planning a nd implementation across government agencies of the Central and State Governments.

iii. To facilitate the development of a vigorous people`s movement in support of the National efforts at Population Stabilisation,

iv. And also to facilitate initiatives to improve performance in the demographically weaker States in the country.
The Commission functions as per the terms of reference given above. However, in the first meeting of the reconstituted NCP, five Groups of Experts for Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa have been constituted to identify weaknesses in their health delivery systems and to suggest measures to improve the health and demographic status of these States. The reports of these Groups are in the final stages of preparation.